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The reply filed on March 1, 2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): applicant has not submitted remarks or arguments addressing the rejections made in the office action mailed November 24, 2004. Applicant's comments regarding the purpose of the amendment to the claims and their intention to file a response to the office action is noted. However, the filing of the amended claims established a new time period for the PTO to act on that submission See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Deborah Crouch, Ph.D. whose telephone number is 571-272-0727. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th, 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ram Shukla, Ph.D. can be reached on 571-272-0735. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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